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THE SITUATION IN BURUNDI

Burundi, Ethiopia and Sudan: draft resolution

The General Assembly,

Taking into account the report of the Secretary-General, 1/

Noting with satisfaction the beneficial role played by the Secretary-General and welcoming the mission carried out by his Special Representative for Burundi,

Noting furthermore the praiseworthy efforts made by the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity and his Special Representative,

Welcoming the holding in Bujumbura from 15 to 17 February 1995 of the Regional Conference on Assistance to Refugees, Returnees and Displaced Persons in the Great Lakes Region, pursuant to resolution CM/RES.1527 (LX), of the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity,

Reaffirming its resolution 48/118 of 20 December 1993, which stresses the necessity of mobilizing assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa,

Recognizing the importance of the missions carried out in September 1994 and February 1995 by representatives of the Security Council, and of the statements by the President of the Security Council of 5 March 1995 2/ and 29 March 1995 3/ on the situation in Burundi,

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1/ A/50/541 and Add.1.

2/ S/PRST/1995/10.

3/ S/PRST/1995/13.

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Recognizing also the efforts being made by the Organization of African Unity and by its current Chairman to assist Burundi in regaining peace, confidence and stability,

Recognizing further the important role played by the Organization of African Unity Mission in Burundi and stressing the need for the United Nations and the Organization of African Unity to coordinate their efforts in dealing with the situation in Burundi,

Reiterating the special importance of the Convention on Governance signed on 10 September 1994 by the four parties known as the "Forces de changement démocratique" and the eight Burundi opposition political parties,

Welcoming the constructive negotiations between the parties signatories to the Convention on Governance, as a result of which a coalition Government representing the two "political families" was formed on 1 March 1995,

Expressing great regret at the subversive acts, acts of violence and looting perpetrated by armed terrorist groups against innocent populations which seriously jeopardize civil peace,

Concerned by the joint message of the President and the Prime Minister of Burundi addressed to the Secretary-General relating to the adverse effects caused by the secret radio station "Rutomorangingo" through its inflammatory broadcasts transmitted in the Great Lakes region, which are inciting genocide, like those of the sinister "Mille Collines" radio and television station in Rwanda,

Welcoming the necessary collaboration between the overwhelming majority of the population and the security forces with a view to ending the danger posed by armed terrorist bands and groups,

Taking note of the Declaration on Burundi adopted by the Eleventh Conference of Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, held from 18 to 20 October 1995 in Cartagena, Colombia, condemning the pirate radio station and the armed terrorist groups,

Welcoming the establishment, by Security Council resolution 1012 (1995) of 28 August 1995, of the International Commission of Inquiry to investigate the assassination of the President of the Republic and the large-scale massacres perpetrated since October 1993,

Welcoming the Declaration adopted in Cairo on 29 November 1995 by the Heads of State of the Great Lakes region with the assistance of President Jimmy Carter, President Julius Nyerere and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, 4/

1. Congratulates the political parties of the Mouvance Presidentielle and of the Burundian opposition on the outcome of their dialogue and their concerted

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4/ S/1995/1001, annex.

action which led to the formation of a coalition Government representing the different shades of opinion;

2. Calls on the main guarantors of the Convention on Governance to ensure its full and impartial implementation for the benefit of all the signatory parties, without any favouritism;

3. Again encourages all the parties to that Convention and its additional protocols to abide strictly by them;

4. Urges all the registered political parties to dissociate themselves from centrifugal forces, to resist all extremism and all ethnic or political fanaticism, to settle disputes through negotiation and dialogue and to unite in order to bring about national salvation;

5. Strongly urges all the people of Burundi to intensify and expand their loyal collaboration with the coalition Government and with the security forces with a view to forcing out of hiding, denouncing and combating armed terrorist bands and groups;

6. Condemns all warmongers from within or outside the country who are attacking innocent populations, heedlessly violating human rights and seriously undermining national peace and security;

7. Also condemns the militia attack on the Organization of African Unity Mission in Burundi which took place on 14 June 1995 in the province of Cibitoke and resulted in the death of a military observer of that Organization;

8. Endorses resolution CM/Res.1582 (LXII), on Burundi, adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Organization of African Unity at its sixty-second ordinary session, held in Addis Ababa from 21 to 23 June 1995; 5/

9. Endorses the Declaration on Burundi adopted in Cartagena, Colombia, on 20 October 1995 by the Heads of State or Government of Non-Aligned Countries, which condemns the armed terrorist groups;

10. Requests the States Members of the United Nations and international organizations to make rapidly available to the Government of Burundi all technical and financial resources capable of silencing and dismantling the "Rutomorangingo pirate radio", which is dangerously brainwashing the Great Lakes region through its poisonous incitations to genocide;

11. Invites all political partners to organize, in accordance with the Convention on Governance, and as soon as national conditions so permit, a general debate on the country's basic problems with a view to the conclusion of a national covenant and the adoption of a constitution adapted to the current socio-political requirements;

5/ See A/50/647, annex I.

12. Supports the role assigned to the International Commission of Inquiry to investigate the assassination of the President of the Republic, Mr. Melchior Ndaye, and the large-scale massacres perpetrated since October 1993, as an important step towards the renunciation of impunity;

13. Earnestly appeals to the States that signed the Cairo Declaration of 29 November 1995 to abide faithfully by the commitments embodied in that document and designed to provide appropriate solutions in order to eliminate the socio-political conflicts currently taking place in this part of Africa;

14. Reiterates its urgent appeal to the international community to mobilize political, diplomatic, human, economic, financial and material resources with a view to assisting Burundi in definitively overcoming the crisis which it has been facing for more than two years;

15. Invites the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Secretary-General of the Organization of African Unity to continue their respective and complementary missions aimed at securing effective national reconciliation in Burundi;

16. Expresses the hope that the Secretary-General of the United Nations will undertake consultations, following the usual procedure, with the Government of Burundi for the appointment of a special representative possessing all the qualifications, particularly an in-depth knowledge of the socio-political situation in Burundi;

17. Decides to include in the agenda of its fifty-first session an item entitled "The situation in Burundi".